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In re application of : Confirmation No. 9619
Seiji NONAKA et al. : Docket No. 2000-1402
Serial No. 09/679,308 : Group Art Unit 1745
Filed October 6, 2000 : Examiner J. Mercado

ELECTRODE METAL MATERIAL,
CAPACITOR AND BATTERY FORMED
OF THE MATERIAL AND METHOD OF
PRODUCING THE MATERIAL AND
THE CAPACITOR AND BATTERY

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of August 21, 2002, the time for responding thereto being extended for one month in accordance with a Petition for Extension of Time submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An electrode metal material for use in an electrode structure in contact with non-aqueous electrolyte, wherein the electrode metal material is a carbon-containing metal material comprising a valve metal material, and carbon particles partially embedded in a surface of the valve metal material and projected from the surface of said valve metal material to expose said carbon particles from said surface.

Kindly cancel claim 2 presently in the application without prejudice.